



# HOLY FAMILY DOVETON

*The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)*

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr. Prince Joseph VC  
(John Prince)

**Parish Secretary:**  
Maureen Goonewardena

**Parish Manager:**  
Danny McCormick

**Acting Principal:**  
Pauline Moran

**Parish Bulletin:**  
David Naidoo  
Anthony Wong

**Child Protection Officer:**  
Bernadette Saubolle

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday ..... 9am-11am  
Wednesday ..... 9am-12 pm  
Friday ..... 9am-12pm

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

**Spanish Mass:**  
Saturday 4.00pm

**Weekday Masses:**  
Everyday 9.15am

**Reconciliation:**  
Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am  
Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

**Novena to Our Lady:**  
Saturday 9.00am

**Baptisms:** Second Sunday

**Divine Kids Bible Class:**  
Sunday 10.30am

**Parish Prayer Group:**  
Tuesday 7pm-8pm in the Big  
Hall

**Parish Halls:**  
Available for hire –  
Contact Parish Office

**Parish Website:**  
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## Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### TRUE HAPPINESS IS FOUND BY FOLLOWING JESUS POPE FRANCIS ON ALL SAINTS' DAY (Nov 1, 2021)

On All Saints' Day, Pope Francis said true happiness does not come from being young, rich, or successful, as the world thinks, but from the counter-cultural idea to follow Jesus Christ.

“The world says that in order to have happiness you must be rich, powerful, always young and strong, and enjoy fame and success. Jesus overturns these criteria and makes a prophetic proclamation – and this is the prophetic dimension of holiness – true fullness of life is achieved by following him, by putting his Word into practice,” the pope said.

In his message before the traditional Marian prayer on Monday, Pope Francis spoke about the road we should walk to become saints: **The Beatitudes**.

The Beatitudes, he said, “show us the path that leads to the Kingdom of God and to happiness: the path of humility, compassion, meekness, justice and peace.”

He also noted that the Beatitudes are addressed “to the poor, the afflicted, those who hunger for justice.”

“And this means being poor inside, hollowing oneself to make room for God,” he advised. “Those who believe themselves to be rich, successful and secure base everything on themselves and close themselves off from God and their brothers and sisters, while those who know that they are poor and not self-sufficient remain open to God and to their neighbor.”

The poor in spirit find joy, he said, explaining what Christian joy is and is not.

“The joy of the Christian,” Francis said, “is not a fleeting emotion or a simple human optimism, but the certainty of being able to face every situation under God’s loving gaze, with the courage and strength that come from him.”

He said this is the joy the saints give witness to, a joy experienced even in the midst of trials and suffering.

The pope also emphasized the importance of joy for the Church, because without it the faith becomes “a rigorous and oppressive exercise.”

“A desert Father said that sadness is ‘a worm that burrows into the heart,’ which corrodes life,” Pope Francis said, encouraging everyone to ask themselves if they are a joyful Christian or if they are “dull, sad people, with a funeral face?”

“Let us remember: there is no holiness without joy,” he underlined

Francis also explained that holiness is not “a life plan” which people can create themselves based only on effort and renunciation, but that it consists “above all in the joyful discovery of being God’s beloved sons and daughters.” “It is not a human achievement, it is a gift we receive: we are holy because God, who is the Holy One, comes to dwell in our lives,” he said. “For this we are blessed.”

## READINGS

### MONDAY

Phil 2:1-4;  
Ps 131:1BCDE,2,3;  
Lk 14:12-14

### TUESDAY

#### All Saints

Rv 7:2-4,9-14;  
Ps 24:1b-2,3-4ab,5-6;  
1Jn 3:1-3;  
Mt 5:1-12a;

### WEDNESDAY

#### All Souls

Wis 3:1-9;  
Ps 23:1-3A,3B-4,5,6;  
Rom 5:5-11;  
Jn 6:37-40;

### THURSDAY

Phil 3:3-8A;  
Ps 105:2-3,4-5,6-7;  
Lk 15:1-10;

### FRIDAY

#### St Charles

#### Borromeo

Phil 3:17-4;1;  
Ps 122:1-2,3-4AB,4CD,5;  
Lk 16:1-8;

### SATURDAY

Phil 4:10-19;  
Ps 112:1B-2,5-6,8A,9;  
Lk 16:9-15;

### SUNDAY

2Mc 7:1-2,9-14;  
Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15  
2Thes 2:16-3;5;  
Lk 20:27-38;

### **FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE (Nov 4)**

Holy Mass &  
Healing Prayer  
6.45pm

*“Do not weep, for  
I shall be more  
useful to you after  
my death and I  
shall help you  
then more  
effectively than  
during my life”*

St Dominic

## TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL: WORD OF THE WEEK - ‘MISSION’

In Matthew’s Gospel we read that Jesus commissioned his disciples to ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...’ (Matt 28:19). We should pay careful attention when we hear or read Jesus saying ‘Go’ in scripture because he is usually indicating ways that we can participate in his ‘Mission’. The *missio dei* (Mission of God) is not a human invention, it comes from God, and through the words and deeds of Jesus we learn about how to make it the central focus of our lives. All people are made in God’s image, the earth is God’s amazing creation, and our call is to serve God by saying yes to sharing the Gospel for the sake of his people and of creation. How can we learn how to do this? Our closeness to Jesus through prayer, the sacraments and the study of scripture will inspire us to discern how we are called to participate in God’s evangelising work. God may reveal through your spiritual discernment that you have a gift for clearly explaining the Christian faith to others, or greeting people when they come to Mass, reading scripture at Mass, you may be inspired to participate in God’s Mission through a study of the [spiritual](#) and [corporal](#) works of mercy. At the end of our Mass celebrations you’ve heard the priest say, “Let us go in peace and glorify the Lord.” He is sending us out, as Jesus sent his own followers, to ‘Go’ into the world as joy filled evangelisers in His Mission. As a prayer exercise, read The Good Samaritan in Luke 10: 25-37 and pray about how God is calling you to ‘Go and do likewise’.

Mission is at the heart of [Take the Way of the Gospel](#), which our Archdiocese is using as a response to Pope Francis’ prophetic call for a ‘missionary impulse.’ It is not just the structures of our local parish churches that we are being asked to change, we are being called to renew our openness to God’s transformative love so that we can share the invitational face of Christ with our local neighbourhoods.

I kindly invite you to learn about how Take the Way of the Gospel is leading our parish communities to be transformed by signing up to one of the remaining discernment sessions. Signup sheets for in-person and Zoom sessions can be accessed after each weekend Mass or you can email me at [holyfamilytwg@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilytwg@gmail.com)

Lindsay Sant – Holy Family Parish TWG Coordinator

Online Zoom dates (6.30pm – 7.30pm)	Small hall dates (6.30pm – 7.30pm)
Monday 31 October, 14 November, 28 November	Thursday 10 November, 24 November

## MESSAGE ON PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

The Principal Appointment Process for Holy Family School, has been postponed until Term 1, 2023. In order to ensure a good selection of potential applicants for this Principal role, the process will recommence in 2023. The current movement of staff and teacher shortage across Melbourne has impacted some of our schools and appointment processes such as these.

## WHAT IS PURGATORY

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as “a purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” which is experienced by those “who die in God’s grace, but still imperfectly purified” (CCC1030). It notes that “this final purification of the elect...is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC1030).

## EMAIL ADDRESS ON CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Doveton have now obtained an email address for the sharing of information on child safety. The email address can be used by volunteers to send through new or renewed working with children checks, queries about child safety or concerns regarding a child’s safety. The new email address solely for child safety matters is: [holyfamilyeso@cam.org.au](mailto:holyfamilyeso@cam.org.au)

## VIGIL PRAYER IN HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 6.00PM to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 6.00AM

*“My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate upon thy promise”  
(Ps. 119:148)*

*Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrew 10:25)*