



# HOLY FAMILY

## DOVETON

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

### First Sunday of Advent – Year A 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### **ADVENT: THE GRACE OF WAITING (AND PREPARATION)**

Advent is a liturgical Season and the beginning of the Catholic liturgical year. It “is a season of hope, anticipation joy and prayerful reflection. Advent prompts us to new beginnings. It is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming Christ Child and to give voice to our longing for a richer, more abundant life in God” (Refer Website of Melbourne Archdiocese)

As such it is a season of spiritual preparation for the Incarnation.

According to the General Norms (Canon Law) , Advent is twofold in character in that it is a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time.(Norms 39)As such it is not only a season for devout and joyful expectation but it is important that we remember Advent as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second coming of Christ.

There are four Sundays of Advent named the First, Second, Third and Fourth Sundays of Advent signified by the four candles. The colour violet or purple is the normal colour of Advent. However, the colour rose is used on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for “Rejoice”

Advent is not a penitential season. (Refer Code of Canon Law 1250).

During Advent the Gloria is not said, nor is it sung and decoration in the church should be tempered by moderation.

So, let us in keeping with the start of the liturgical year of the church prepare spiritually for the Incarnation of our Lord.

**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 Safety Officer:**  
Bernadette Saubolle

**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

## WELCOME HOME: END TO STREAMING OF MASS

“As from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted. Similarly, there is no longer a general need for televising or streaming local Masses, now that we can fully gather without restrictions”.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli  
Archbishop of Melbourne

As required by His Grace streaming and televising of Masses will be discontinued by Holy Family Parish as from 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 27 November 2022. First Friday Services and Sunday Healing Mass at 7pm by Divine Australia will be live streamed as usual.

For the vulnerable and sick streamed Mass will be available from Divine Retreat Centre Columbo 7.15am (IST) and Divine Healing & Retreat Centre Sydney 8.00am (AEDT), Divine Retreat Centre Muringoor 6.30 am (IST) accessible via you tube.

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### LIFE

An **old man** had eight hairs on his head.

He went to a Barber shop.

Barber in anger asked:

“**Shall I cut or count?**”

Old man smiled and said:

**"Colour it!"**



**LIFE** is to enjoy with whatever you have with you.

*Do you enjoy your life?*

## READINGS

### SUNDAY

Is 2:1-5

Ps 121:1-2,4-5,6-9

Rm 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

### MONDAY

Is 4:2-6

Ps 121:1-2,4-5,6-9

Mt 8:5-11

### TUESDAY

Is 11:1-10

Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Ps 84:8

Lk 10:21-24

### WEDNESDAY

Is 25:6-10

Ps 22

Mt 15:29-37

### THURSDAY

Is 26:1-6

Ps 117:1,8-9,19-21,25-27

Is 55:6

Mt 7:21,24-27

### FRIDAY

Is 29:17-24

Ps 26:1,4,13-14

Mt 9:27-31

### SATURDAY

Is 30:19-21,23-26

Ps 146:1-6.

Is 33:22

Mt 9:35-10,1,6-8

## TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL: WORD OF THE WEEK 'THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL'

It's been uplifting to listen to members of our parish family in recent weeks as they share their thoughts on *Take the Way of the Gospel*. Part of the discernment process has been to understand the aims of this journey and dialogue about how we can work towards successfully meeting them. In this 'Word of the Week', I'd like to briefly summarise three aims which are the foundation of *Take the Way of the Gospel*. The first is for our parishes to **have a greater effectiveness in sharing the Gospel**, this can be increased by parishes working together to have a stronger sense of their participation in mission as disciples of Jesus, fully living their baptismal call. The second aim is to foster **vibrancy** (a desire to grow the Kingdom of God with each person equipped to be able to do this), **vitality** (openness to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to adapt to the changing surrounding local circumstances, requiring openness to new ideas and new ways of doing ministry), and **viability** (being equipped with the resources needed to support the shared vision of mission). The third aim is for each mission to have an **equitable sharing of resources**. This is to ensure that the spiritual, ministerial and material resources are shared based on current needs to provide a more sustainable ministry. These aims require continuous discernment on our part, let's continue to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to unite our community and prepare it in the years to come for it to be more and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel and building God's Kingdom. You can find a more detailed explanation of these three aims [here](#).

[https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Take-the-Way-of-the-Gospel/TWG Parish-Pack Introduction-What-is-a-Mission.pdf](https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Take-the-Way-of-the-Gospel/TWG_Parish-Pack_Introduction-What-is-a-Mission.pdf)

The discussions around *Take the Way of the Gospel* at Holy Family will continue into the future as the Spirit reveals our journey towards mission. I invite you to be part of the discernment if you haven't yet, there is on final Zoom session to go and one or two sessions outside the arranged schedule. The signup sheet for the final Zoom session can be accessed after each weekend Mass or you can email me at [holyfamilytwg@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilytwg@gmail.com)

**Online Zoom: 6.30pm – 7.30pm Monday 28 November**

Lindsay Sant – Holy Family Parish TWG Coordinator

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL, CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Last year your generosity enabled us to assist more than one hundred households, with hampers and toys. The present economic conditions have more than doubled the demands on the Doveton Conference. Once more we appeal to your generosity. Please help us spread the Care and Joy of Christmas. We gratefully accept all donations in cash or kind. Cash donations may be made in sealed envelopes specifically *marked St Vincent De Paul*. Any donations of new toys should be handed over by no later than 11 December 2022. Thank you once more for your kind generosity without which we may not be able to bring good cheer.

## ADVENT RETREAT BY DIVINE KIDS

A 2-day Advent Retreat for children and teenagers aged 5 to 15. Enrolment is necessary. Please visit the website to enrol - [www.divinekids.com.au](http://www.divinekids.com.au).

Date: December 3 and 4, Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm

Venue: Holy Family Church Hall, Doveton.

It is a free event. Food will be provided.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE** is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) or Tel: 9326 1895

*"I plead with you – never, ever give up on hope,  
never doubt, never tire and never become  
discouraged. Be not afraid."*

*St. John Paul II*

### Parish Office Hours

Monday .....9am-11am

Wednesday ...9am-12 pm

Friday .....9am-12pm

### Telephones

Presbytery 97924317

School 97911853

Child Safety Email ...

### Parish Website/Email

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

[doveton@cam.org.au](mailto:doveton@cam.org.au)

[holyfamilycso@cam.org.au](mailto:holyfamilycso@cam.org.au)

***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)***