



# HOLY FAMILY

## DOVETON

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

### Second Sunday of Advent – Year A 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### **SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: PREPARE, REPENT!**

On the Second Sunday of Advent we light the second purple candle in hope and faith. In keeping with the exhortation of John the Baptist we are called to prepare for the coming of our Lord. It is a time to reflect on our personal shortcomings e.g. pride arrogance and recognise the dignity in our fellow human beings in humility and charity.

Do we devote enough time to prayer. Is it a time to intensify our prayer?

Do we place the welfare of others beyond our personal desires and do we speak in charity and meekness to our fellowman? Do we in humility recognise that there are others who may be more important than ourselves?

What opportunities do we seize to show care compassion and concern for others some of whom may be more needful than ourselves.

Do we place ourselves our interests and worldly aspirations above the spirit of charity and humility? Do we embrace the commercialisation of Christmas or do we prepare the way for the Lord by positively trying to overcome the spiritual shortcomings in our personal lives. Are we humble enough to recognise the barrenness of our ambitions of being preferred above others, arrogating to ourselves positions of power, glory and importance?

Let us truly prepare the way for the Lord by taking on attitudes of meekness and humility, speak and listen with charity and do so with joy and confident in the Truth of our faith. In our joyful preparation for the coming of our Lord by our charity, meekness humility and care for others we may truly open ourselves to be filled with His graces.

**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

## THE MISSION OF CHURCH IS THE SALVATION OF SOULS

Another way of calling for evangelisation.

In recent times we have consistently heard of the call to Take the Way of the Gospel designed to promote evangelisation within the archdiocese.

To evangelise we are called to proclaim the gospel in thought word deed prayer and by our very lives bring to our fellowman all aspects of the Truth that is the Catholic church.

In doing so we must not lose sight of the centrality of Eucharist, the source and summit of our worship.

During this season of Advent in preparing the way for the Lord we pray that by His grace His will may be revealed to us that we are blessed with the humility to submit to His Will. Through that submission to his Will we may be empowered to proclaim the Gospel in charity, meekness and humility prayerfully and joyfully and so evangelise in fulfilment of the Mission of the Church.

It is through the proclamation of the fullness of the Truth that is the Catholic Church that we may truly Take the way of the Gospel.

A first step to fulfilling that Mission of our church is to answer the call to ministry by participation in those committees in our parish that makes Holy Family Parish vibrant viable and revitalises its continued relevance in a world governed by the values of secularism and increasing influence of other religions.

How do I joyfully embrace the call to evangelisation?  
How will I actively participate in our ministries?

## READINGS

### SUNDAY

Is 11:1-10

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

Rm 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

### MONDAY

Is 35:1-10

Ps 84:9-14

Lk 5:17-26

### TUESDAY

Is 40:1-11

Ps 95:1-3,10-13

Mt 18:12-14

### WEDNESDAY

Is 40:25-31

Ps 102:1-4,8,10

Mt 11:28-30

### THURSDAY

Gen3:9-15,20

Ps 97:1-4

Eph1:3-6.11-12

Lk 1:26-38

### FRIDAY

Is 48:17-19

Ps 1:1-4,6

Mt 11:16-19

### SATURDAY

Sir 48:1-4,9-11

Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

Mt 17:10-13

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, His Grace Archbishop Comensoli celebrated the annual World Youth Day at St Patrick's Cathedral.

His Grace reminded us that “..it is the Church in its familial form, where devotion , formation and apostolic works are practiced, and where communion in the Lord and with one another is fostered. We are called to build and nurture these environments so that our young people can experience the joy of living with Jesus in a life-long journey of communion, formation, and mission”

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is offering **four pilgrimage options** to young people to attend **WORLD YOUTH DAY in Lisbon Portugal from 1-6 August 2023**:

### For 18 and 18+:

**WYD Direct:** 28 July – 9 Aug 2023 Approx. \$5900

**The Italian Way:** 22 July – 9 Aug 2023 Approx. \$8100

### For 18+ only:

**The Footsteps of Jesus:** 20 July – 9 Aug 2023 Approx. \$9200

**Melbourne Emerging Leaders Program:** 23July – 9 Aug 2023 Approx. \$8600 (twin share)

For further information on all pilgrimages refer:

<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

*“There is your brother, naked, crying, and you stand there confused over the choice of an attractive floor covering”*

*St Ambrose of Milan*

## VACANT POSITIONS IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Suitably qualified and experienced people are invited to apply for various positions including:

### Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

- Internship Program - Expressions of Interest
- Front-End Developer

### Catholic Development Fund

- Integration Engineer
- Risk & Compliance Analyst

### Parish Positions

Pastoral Worker – St Luke’s, Lalor

Parish Secretary - St Joseph's Parish, Malvern

Pastoral Worker – St Bernard’s Parish, Belmont

Pastoral Worker – St Andrew’s Parish, Clayton South

Administrative Officer – St Bernard’s Parish, Belmont

Pastoral Worker – St Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen

Parish Secretary – St Dominic’s Parish, Melton

### Other Positions

Engagement & Projects Lead – Catholic Social Services (CSSV)

Retail Shop Assistant – Central Catholic Bookshop expression of interest

MAMI Officer – Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Account/Data Entry Clerk – Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

### 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)***