



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year A
18th December 2022

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT: GOD'S CLOSENESS TO HUMANITY

According to the Holy See, on the Fourth and last Sunday of Advent in lighting the purple candle, the mystery of Christmas, the mystery of love reveals to us the closeness of God to humanity.

The Virgin Mary in an unconditional attitude of openness and obedience welcomes the Son of Man into our human life. The Son of God comes into her womb in order to become man and in this unique way in drawing close to mankind/us God took on flesh through a woman. God draws near with His grace in order to enter our life and offer us the gift of His son.

How do I respond? Like Mary do I welcome Him, allow him to draw near OR do I reject him, push him away? By freely offering herself to the Lord, the Virgin Mary allows Him to change the destiny of the world/mankind. Do I welcome Jesus and seek to follow him and cooperate with His plan every day? Do I embrace Mary as the model to look upon and upon whom I can call?

St Joseph confronted with a betrothed who is pregnant trusts totally in God who has drawn near to him. After His invitation St Joseph does not reject his betrothed but takes her to him and accepts Mary as wife. He knowingly and lovingly receives Him who has been conceived in Mary through the wondrous work of God for which nothing is impossible.

A just and humble Man, Joseph teaches us to always trust in God. When God approaches do I entrust myself to Him? Am I guided by Him with willing obedience?

Do I welcome Jesus through faith? How do I so welcome him through faith? How do I display openness to seek God's Will and follow it with trust?

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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR LITURGIES – 2022

Date	Time
Christmas Eve	
Saturday 24 December	9:15 AM
Saturday 24 December	4:00 PM – Spanish Mass 7:00 PM – Christmas Carols 7:30 PM – Family Mass
Saturday 24 December	11.30 PM – Christmas Carols 12.00 AM – Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	
Sunday 25 December	10.00 AM
Holy Family Parish Feast Day	
Friday 30 December	9.15 am Mass followed by a cuppa in the Small Hall
New Year Eve	
Saturday 31 December	9.15 AM
Saturday 31 December	4.00 PM – Spanish Mass 11.00 PM – Thanksgiving Adoration
	12.00 AM – Midnight Mass
New Year Day	
Sunday 1 January	10.00 AM

Confession:
23 December 6.30pm – 8.30pm
24 December 9.30am – 10.30am

Please Note:
No Vigil Mass At 6.30 PM on Saturday – 24 and 31
December, No Healing Mass At 7.00 PM on Sunday
– 25 December and 1 January

Parishioners are reminded that for all Masses -
especially the Christmas and NY liturgies, entrance
will be via Power Road and **exiting the church will
be via Pittosporum Grove to avoid traffic
congestion.**

READINGS

SUNDAY

Is 7:10-14

Ps 23:1-6

Rom:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

MONDAY

Jgs 13:2-7,24-25

Ps 70:3-6,16-17

Lk 1:5-25

TUESDAY

Is 7:10-14

Ps 23:1-6

Lk 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY

Sgs.2:8-14

Ps 32:2-3,11-12,20-21

Lk 1:39-45

THURSDAY

1 Sam 1:24-28

1 Sam 2:1,4-8

Lk 1:46-56

FRIDAY

Mal 3:1-4,23-24

Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14

Lk 1:57-66

SATURDAY

2 Sam7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Ps 88:2-5,27,29

Lk 1:67-79

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FEAST DAY

On 30 December at 9.15 am Mass will be celebrated followed by a cuppa after Mass. All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Feast Day of our parish.

FOUR MARIAN DOGMAS

In anticipation of the coming of Jesus we may do well to adopt the unconditional openness, submission and obedience of our Mother and remember the four truths (the four Marian dogmas central and essential to our Catholic faith) with which she has been graced:

She is the **Mother of God**: through her the Son, second person of the trinity is brought forth as true God and true man.

Our mother is and remains the **Perpetual Virgin**: She is ever virgin at the conception of Jesus, after his birth and evermore.

Immaculate Conception: Our Mother at her Conception is free of original sin and is graced to be free of the stain of sin throughout her life.

Assumption: Mother Mary is assumed body and soul into heaven upon her earthly passing. She becomes our mediatrix to her Son.

By modelling ourselves on the Mother of God, we aspire to open ourselves to God's graces.

"A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it."

*Archbishop
Fulton J. Sheen*

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Tuesday 27 December at 6.30 pm, for volunteers; those who will be newly appointed and outgoing volunteers who have served in the parish (Leadership Team, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Parish Secretary, Counters, Bus Drivers, Florist, Live streaming coordinators, leaders of Associations). Mass will be followed by fellowship and supper in the large hall.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL RETURNS

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is honoured to be entrusted by the Australian Bishops to host the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in December 2024.

It hosted the inaugural; ACYF eleven years ago. After a two-year absence due to COVID-19 in cooperation with the National committee a theme will be developed for the festival and young Catholics throughout the nation are invited to diarise this event the significance of which is a vital source of energy for the church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

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**.

All 18-35 year old are invited and encouraged to participate in one of the world's most important events for youth.

For further information on all pilgrimages refer:

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday9am-11am

Wednesday ...9am-12 pm

Friday9am-12pm

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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. (Hebrews 10:25)